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YOUTH'S COMPANION.

The Constitution of the United States of America has put a new meaning into the word citizenship. The high ideals of the fathers of our country have laid the foundations of good citizenship in such a way that the industrious, high-minded, ambitious men and women of all nations have flocked to our shores. The present prominence of our nation among the nations of the world and its new fields of useless and power have given to American citizenship a fresh inspiration toward true living and great accomplishment.

The high sentiments of our Chief Executive in his address, "The New Citizen," printed in THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, are fittingly published in the Washington's Birthday Number. George Washington, by his pure life and wise conservatism and ambition for the new country, fairly won his title of Father of his Country. Theodore Roosevelt, the best exponent of our twentieth century activity, has equally high ideals for the nation; and in this address and in his life he lays particular stress on the individual, his stewardship, his usefulness in home and public life.

Washington and Lincoln led our nation over its most difficult paths. It has been left in recent years for such men as Theodore Roosevelt to embody the highest ideals of private and public citizenship.

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LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

Nettie Blanchan, whose delightful nature-books have been so successful, will begin in the March issue of The Ladies' Home Journal a series of articles dealing with the "personal" side of the birds. This clever woman has made a close study of bird-life, and her discoveries and observations are most interesting. She has found among the featured songsters many striking resemblances to men and women, and in this series of articles she will tell of these. In some instances the almost human actions of the birds, as she tells of them, are astonishing.

Chauncy Thomas knows how to mix fun and adventure in his stories of cowboys and soldiers. His latest is "Kiowa's Revival," in the March McClure's which tells how the hapless parson of Kiowa was forced by a committee of leading citizens—who were celebrating an election—very much against his own will into embezzlement and horse-stealing. He was caught and very badly scared at the trial, but the committee owned up at last, and led by its vindicated parson Kiowa had the greatest revival in its history.

Senator Hanna has been contributing to the "National Magazine" a series of articles on "William McKinley As I Knew Him," has been so busy with party and national affairs during the past thirty days that he was unable to prepare the third paper of the series for the theme of this paper the story of McKinley's first days in the White House. No other living man is so well able to tell the exact truth concerning the events of that time as Senator Hanna, and from no other living man will the American people be so eager to hear that story. The Senator promises to have this article ready for publication in the April number of the "National," and it is safe to say that it will have more readers than other magazine contribution of the month.

Republican Standing Committee.

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LITERARY NOTES.

McCLURE'S

Alfred Olivanti's "Bob, Son of Battle," has always been popular, but, though many readers would gladly welcome it, no successor has yet appeared. The author has recently, however, published one or two short stories; the latest of which appears in the February McClure's. "The Lord and the Lady's Glove" is a delightful love story that tells itself charming in the vivacious dialogue of the lovers themselves.

OUTLOOK.

Among all the articles that have been published about Prince Henry and his visit none has shown such personal knowledge of man, his character and his family relation as that by Mr. Poultny Biglow which appears in the OUTLOOK for March 1. Mr. Biglow knew the sailor Prince when the two were boys and he found him then as he is now sympathetic, simple and courteous. Prince Henry, says this writer, is a sailor not of the parade kind but of the Dewey and Farragut role.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, February 19.
 Philadelphia's season of grand opera closed last night with a performance of "Manru."
 James R. Keene, of New York, gave \$10,000 for the relief of the poor who suffered in the blizzard.
 The plant of the Louisville Bolt and Iron company was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000.
 The United States gunboat Machias sailed from Pensacola, Fla., yesterday for Havana to join the North Atlantic squadron.
 Charles L. Tiffany, aged 90 years, senior member of the famous New York jewelry firm, died at his home from pneumonia.
Thursday, February 20.
 William B. Fasig, of Brewster, N. Y., well known horse dealer of the Fasig-Tipton Co., died yesterday.
 Robert McCaw, of Philadelphia, secured a verdict for \$16,000 damages against the Union Traction company for the loss of a leg.
 The president sent to the senate yesterday the names of Captain Philip H. Cooper and Captain George H. Wadleigh to be rear admirals.
 H. H. Matteson, who confessed to embezzling \$75,000 from the First National Bank of Great Falls, Mont., is now alleged to have taken \$178,000.
 Anthony J. Drexel's yacht Maritima has been chartered for two months by Mr. Alexander, of the New York Yacht Club. The consideration is \$50,000.
Friday, February 21.
 Pope Leo yesterday entered on the 25th year of his pontificate. He was the recipient of congratulations from all sides.
 Two Italians were killed and three injured, near Pittsburgh, Pa., by being struck by a train on the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston railroad.
 William Thomas Spencer went worth-Fitzwilliam, sixth earl of Fitzwilliam, one of the wealthiest of English peers, died in London yesterday.
 Charles Dengler, a well-known restaurant keeper, of Trenton, N. J., died from a fall in a saloon. He struck his head against the bar and fractured his skull.
Saturday, February 22.
 Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, celebrated its quarter centennial anniversary.
 It is announced that King Leopold of Belgium, will make a short tour of America this coming summer.
 The annual convention of the Society of the Children of the American Revolution, at Washington, closed yesterday.
 A gas explosion in a building of the Rochester Gas and Electric Company destroyed the structure and caused a loss of \$20,000.
 The Ohio house of representatives has placed itself on record as favoring the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.
Monday, February 24.
 The Illinois auxiliary of the McKinley Memorial Association has received \$30,616 in contributions.
 Sam McGlashen and an unknown

woman were found dead in a rooming house in Detroit. They were suffocated by illuminating gas.
 Charles E. Dalton, secretary-treasurer of the Metropolitan Guaranty Company, of Cleveland, O., shot and killed Maurice Kratz in a bar room fight.
 While cleaning a chute at No. 4 colliery of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, at Pottsville, Pa., John Wall was caught in a revolving wheel and instantly killed.
Tuesday, February 25.
 William Emerson Richmond, better known as "Billy" Emerson, the famous minstrel, died of consumption in Boston.
 The plant of the Tupelo Cotton Compress company, at Tupelo, Miss., with 700 bales of cotton, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$60,000.
 General Pressley M. Guthrie, former adjutant general of Pennsylvania, and one of the best-known military men of the state, died in Pittsburgh yesterday.
 King Edward of England will have assigned to Miss Alice Roosevelt a place among the wives of ambassadors to witness the coronation ceremony.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Flour firm; winter superfine, \$2.65@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.25@3.50; city mills, extra, \$2.90@3.15. Rye flour steady, at \$3.25@3.35 per barrel. Wheat steady; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, 87½c. Corn steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 66c. Oats were steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 50½c; lower grades, 48½c. Hay weak; No. 1 timothy sold at \$15@15.50 for large bales. Beef steady; beef hams, 19.50@20.50. Pork firm; family, \$19@19.50. Live poultry, 10@10½c. for hens, and 8c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry sold at 12c. for choice fowls, and at 8c. for old roosters. Butter steady; creamery, 32c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 33c. per dozen. Potatoes were dull; eastern, 80@83c. per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Cattle steady for best steers and handy butchers' grades, but lower for others; best steers, \$6.25@6.40; good butchers, \$5.40@5.65; heifers, \$3.60@5.50; cows, \$2@4; extra cows, \$4.25@4.40; veals, \$6@8.50. Hogs fairly active, but 5@10c. lower; heavy, \$6.50@6.65; mixed, \$6.30@6.45; yorkers, \$6.20@6.30; light yorkers, \$6@6.10; pigs, \$5.70@5.80. Sheep \$5.40@5.75; stags, \$4@4.50. Sheep steady; mixed culls to good, \$3.25@5.20; wethers, \$5.25@5.50; yearlings, \$5.50@5.75. Lambs 5@10c. higher; tops, \$6.40@6.50; culls to good, \$4@6.35.

MISS STONE RELEASED.

Missionaries Arrived at Strumitz and Made Themselves Known.
 Constantinople, Feb. 24.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, who with Mrs. Talika, was captured by brigands in the district of Salonika on September 3 last, has been released and arrived at Strumitz, Macedonia, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Nobody was at Strumitz to meet Miss Stone, as the brigands had given no indication where they proposed to release the prisoners.
 Madame Talika and her baby were released at the same time. They are

all well. Miss Stone immediately made herself known to the authorities at Strumitz.
 The first news of Miss Stone's release was contained in a telegram received by Mr. Dickinson, the American consul general at Constantinople, from the American vice consul at Salonika. Strumitz is near the Salonika-Cyprus railroad. Miss Stone proceeded to Salonika without delay.
 It is said that on account of the necessity of protecting the innocent persons who assisted them, the American delegates will never divulge where and how the ransom money for the release of Miss Stone was paid. The correspondent learns, however, that the ruse of filling the money bags with lead after the ransom had been paid, with a view of making it appear that the mission to pay the ransom had failed, was completely successful.

ONE KILLED; MANY INJURED.

Passenger and Freight Trains Collide on Reading Railway.
 Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Two rear-end collisions between trains on the main line of the Reading railroad yesterday resulted in the loss of one life and the injury of more than a dozen persons. The first wreck occurred at Plymouth Junction, about one-quarter mile north of Conshohocken station, between a Reading express and a Norristown accommodation, both south-bound. Ten passengers in the rear coaches of the express train were injured, three of them severely.
 Difficulty in seeing the block signals is alleged by the Reading railway to have caused the passenger wreck near Conshohocken. The express train was behind time and had been held back owing to the crippled telegraph service.

Freight Trains Crash.

The second wreck occurred at 10.30 a. m. yesterday at Abraham station, about two miles above Bridgeport. Two freight trains crashed together, owing to a difficulty in seeing signals. One man was killed and three others were seriously hurt. The casualties in the Abraham wreck were: Killed—George Delaney, of Philadelphia, conductor of one of the colliding trains; crushed to death in the caboose. The seriously injured—Brakeman Cook, of Philadelphia, crushed and injured internally, may not recover; Brakeman McKenny, of Philadelphia, general contents; Brakeman Schwenk, of Philadelphia, crushed and badly contused.

A TREMENDOUS ICE GORGE.

Many Towns and Villages Along Susquehanna Threatened With Flood.
 Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 25.—The ice on the Susquehanna river has not yet broken, but the flood made imminent by the recent storm and the present mild weather is expected at any time, and preparations are being made to meet it at Washington borough, the place directly threatened. A telephone message was gotten through to Washington borough last evening for the first time since communication was broken last Friday. The river is gorged from shore to shore from that place to McCall's Ferry, a distance of six miles. Ice is piled to a level with the tracks of the Port Deposit and Columbia railroad.

Money Saved, Money Earned.

Mrs. Clumber—My dear Mrs. Highup has had her portrait painted by a celebrated artist, and I haven't a thing but common, ordinary everyday photographs to show.
 Husband (a wise man)—Huh! The idea of advertising to the world that her complexion is so bad it won't stand the camera!—N. Y. Weekly.
Omission.
 Tears gathered in her great gray eyes as she read the contemporaneous account of her wedding.
 "The newspapers don't say one single word as to the cost of my lingerie!" she exclaimed. "As if I were not in the Four Hundred!"—Town Topics.

SALES REGISTER.

Notice of sales will be inserted free under this heading when the bills are printed at this office. When the bills are not printed at this office no bills will be entered. Persons applying to have sales should select a date and have it inserted in this column.

MONDAY, FEB. 24. at Salem, Minerva A. Webster will sell household goods.
TUESDAY, FEB. 25. ½ mile back of W. H. Boyer's store, Port Trevorton, Tillie A. Baber will sell 3 horses, 6 head of cattle and farming implements.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26. three miles northeast of Beavertown, Harvey Meyer will sell three horses, nine head of cattle and farming implements.
FRIDAY, FEB. 28. ½ mile west of Middleburg, Michael Hamacher and Charles Marsh will sell a carload of high grade cattle brought here from Kansas.
SATURDAY, MARCH 1st. in Adams township, Mary A. Klesler, administratrix of John A. Klesler, will sell 51 acres of land.
MONDAY, MARCH 4. 4 miles west of Middleburg near Giff's school house, John H. Ebanbach will sell 3 horses, cattle and farming implements.
MONDAY, MARCH 5. one and one-half miles west of Aline H. G. Hornberger will sell 3 horses, 10 head of cattle and farming implements.
TUESDAY, MARCH 4. 1½ miles south of Port Trevorton, Mrs. Catherine A. Shrewder will sell 2 horses, 4 head cattle and farming implements.
FRIDAY, MARCH 7. in Kreamer, A. D. Kreamer will sell 4 horses, 6 head of cattle and farming implements.
SATURDAY, MARCH 8. and **MONDAY, MARCH 10.** in Brooker will sell household goods, farming implements and live stock at W. G. Herold's school house and Chapman P. G.
THURSDAY, MARCH 13. ½ mile south of Verdilla, S. A. L. Shrewder will sell 2 colts, 2 heifers and farming implements.
FRIDAY, MARCH 14. 1½ miles west of Adamsburg, John A. Gearhart will sell 4 horses, 1 head cattle, 1 brood sow, and farming implements.
SATURDAY, MARCH 15. in Middleburg, W. W. Wittenmyer will sell household goods.
SATURDAY, MARCH 15. one mile west of Centerville, Daniel Gearhart will sell horses, 2 cows, farming implements and household goods.
MONDAY, MARCH 17. at Dundora, Nathan Hackenberg will sell 8 horses, 4 heifers and farming implements.
THURSDAY, MARCH 20. on Blue Hill, Robert Leisher will sell horses, cows and farming implements.
THURSDAY, MARCH 20. in Adams township, Joseph L. Brooker will sell 2 colts, 2 A. of John M. Hackenberg, will sell 119 acres of land and household goods.
THURSDAY, MARCH 20. at Daniel's church in West Perry twp., Joe Reichenbach will sell 3 horses, 7 head cattle and farming implements.
SATURDAY, MARCH 22. ½ mile west of Pallas, Levi Rimer will sell 3 horses, 2 cows and farming implements.
TUESDAY, MARCH 25. near Kants, B. N. & W. R. Swartz, Executors, will sell 4 horses, 10 head of cattle and farming implements.
TUESDAY, MARCH 25. ½ mile west of Fremont, Aaron Howell will sell 1 horse, 2 cows, farming implements and household goods.

MIDDLEBURGH MARKET.

Butter.....	24	Wheat.....	80
Eggs.....	22	Rye.....	56
Onions.....	75	Corn.....	65
Lard.....	10	Oats.....	45-50
Tallow.....	3½	Potatoes.....	70
Chickens....	7	Bran per 100	1.20
Side.....	8	Mealings	1.20
Shoulder.....	10	Chop.....	1.25
Ham.....	14	Flour per bbl	4.00

Keen Observation.

"Do you know anything about the people who have moved next door?"
 "Not much," he answered, "except that their honeymoon is not yet over."
 "How did you find that out?"
 "By observing. It was raining when he came home this evening, but she did not make him stop at the front door to wipe his feet."—Washington Star.

What He Would Need.

"My friend," exclaimed the eloquent minister, "were the average man to turn and look himself squarely in the eyes and ask himself what he really needed most, what would be the first reply suggested to his mind?"
 "A rubber neck!" shouted the precocious urchin in the rear of the room.
 —Tit-Bits

A Legacy of the Grip.

Is often a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, ed liver and kidneys; often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the splendid tonic, blood purifier and regulator of Stomach, Liver and Kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system, and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of Grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50c. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by the Middleburg Drug Co., Graybill, Garman & Co., Richfield, Pa., Dr. J. W. Sampsell, Penns Creek, Pa.

Kitty's Approval.

The story was told in Kitty's hearing of an anty in Virginia who was 105 years old, who had both chewed and smoked tobacco for 87 years, and who firmly believed the Lord had forgotten her.
 "I don't blame the Lord," said Kitty.
 —Chicago Tribune.

Liver Pills

That's what you need; something to cure your biliousness and give you a good digestion. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation and biliousness. Gently laxative. All druggists.

Want your mouthache or beard a beautiful complexion? Use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE for the whiskers.

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at one dreaded disease that has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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The wonderful activity of the century is shown by an enormous demand for the world's best work—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Constipation, Sick Headache, Liveness, or any trouble of Stomach, Liver or Kidney, they are unrivaled at Middleburg Drug Co., Graybill, Garman & Co., Richfield, Pa., Dr. J. W. Sampsell, Penns Creek, Pa.

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No Reasonable Man

imagines that neglected cold cough cured in one day. The uncountable cells in the lungs are inflamed and throat is as tender as an open wound. But time and Allen's Lung Pills will overcome the cold and stop consumption. The cough will subside and the lungs will be sound as a bell. All druggists sell Allen's Lung Pills.